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MEMORANDUM

DATE: AUGUST 3, 2023

TO: NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

RE: NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 7, 2023**. This will be a **hybrid meeting** via Zoom and in person at the Northeast Florida Regional Council office located at 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

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100 Festival Park Avenue
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023

10:00 a.m.

(ADDED OR MODIFIED ITEMS IN BOLD)

(*Denotes Action Required)

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call – President Whitehurst
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation – President Whitehurst
4. Welcome – President Whitehurst
5. Invitation to Speak – President Whitehurst

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to speak on any item brought before the Council. The public will be recognized during public comments. At that time, virtual attendees who would like to speak will be asked to raise their (electronic) hand and they will be recognized in the order of response.

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 - Aug. 25, 2023 – Jacksonville Transportation Authority Hurricane Exercise
 - **Sept. 4, 2023 – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – Council Closed**
 - Sept. 7, 2023 – Board of Directors Meeting
 - Sept. 7, 2023 – Duval County TD Local Coordinating Board Meeting
 - Sept. 12, 2023 – Mayport Waterfront Partnership Meeting
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 - Sept. 13, 2023 – Flagler County TD Local Coordinating Board Meeting
 - Sept. 18, 2023 – Putnam & Clay County TD Local Coordinating Board Meetings
 - Sept. 21, 2023 – Baker & Nassau County TD Local Coordinating Board Meetings
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13. Adjournment

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NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
Executive Committee Meeting
April 6, 2023

MINUTES

The Northeast Florida Regional Council's Executive Committee, pursuant to Chapter 120.525, F.S., held a hybrid meeting both in-person and virtually via Zoom, on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 9:58 a.m.

President DeFoor called the meeting to order with the following members present, representing a quorum:

BAKER Mr. Register (In Person)
CLAY Commissioner Condon (In Person)
DUVAL Councilmember DeFoor (In Person)
 Councilmember Morgan (In Person)
FLAGLER Commissioner Sullivan (In Person)
PUTNAM Commissioner Harvey (In Person)
ST. JOHNS Commissioner Whitehurst (In Person)
Also Present Mr. Conkey, SJRWMD (In Person)

Excused: Commissioner Martin

Guests: Ashley Cook (Senator Rubio's Ofc), Jeannie Rickman (Congresswoman Kat Cammack's Ofc – via zoom), Eric Summa (zoom), and John Nooney

Staff Present: Eric Anderson, Matamron Bacon, Tyler Nolen, Elizabeth Payne, Donna Starling, Leigh Wilsey, Sheron Forde, et al.

INVITATION TO SPEAK

President DeFoor stated that members of the public are welcome to speak on any item before the Board.

Mr. John Nooney, 8356 Bascom Road, Jacksonville, FL 32216(address), spoke in support of the Council's resiliency efforts and the City of Jacksonville's Waterways.

*CONSENT AGENDA

President DeFoor asked if anyone would like to pull any item on the consent agenda for discussion. Hearing none, she **called for a motion on the consent agenda. Mr. Register motioned to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Commissioner Harvey. Motion carried.**

OTHER REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

*January 2023 Financial Report

Ms. Starling provided the financial report for the month of January 2023 reflecting a net income of \$8,081 and a year-to-date net income of \$29,526.

President DeFoor called for a motion on the January 2023 Financial Report. Commissioner Harvey moved approval of the January 2023 Financial Report; seconded by Councilmember Morgan. Motion carried.

*February 2023 Financial Report

Ms. Starling provided the financial report for the month of February 2023 reflecting a net income of \$15,185 and a year-to-date net income of \$44,710.

President DeFoor called for a motion on the February 2023 Financial Report. Commissioner Harvey moved approval of the February 2023 Financial Report; seconded by Mr. Register. Motion carried.

*Healthcare Coalition Request For Bid

Ms. Wilsey stated that due to a contract amendment allocating additional funding, the Coalition solicited bids for pediatric restraint devices for Emergency Medical Services. She provided an overview of what the devices do and why there is a need. She stated that staff received two responses: FERNO and DiaMedical. Based on staff's review, FERNO was ranked highest with DiaMedical coming in second. Per the contract, the funds must be expended by the end of June; therefore, staff request the Committee's approval to purchase the pediatric restraint devices from FERNO. However, should FERNO be unable to fulfill the entire order by the deadline, staff requested to purchase the additional equipment from DiaMedical. Discussion followed.

President DeFoor called for a motion on the Request for Bid. Commissioner Harvey moved approval for staff to purchase the pediatric restraints from FERNO. However, if FERNO is unable to complete the entire order by the deadline, staff is authorized to purchase the remaining restraints from DiaMedical; seconded by Commissioner Condon. Motion carried.

*MIRR Discussion

Ms. Ilami provided an overview of the Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR), a program to analyze and implement actions necessary to foster, protect, and enhance military installation resilience and sustainability. The Northeast MIRR program could potentially include Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Naval Station Mayport, Whitehouse Navy Outlying Field, Marine Corp Support Facility on Blount Island and Camp Blanding. This program is focused on the communities outside the installation's fence line. Ms. Ilami shared some of the activities surrounding the pre-application period, the application due date, the project period and costs associated with the MIRR. She stated that staff is seeking the Members' approval to proceed and authorization to provide up to ten percent match if needed. Discussion followed.

President DeFoor called for a motion on the Military Installation Resilience Review. Councilmember Morgan moved approval of staff proceeding with the determination & findings, application, and provision of up to ten percent match for the MIRR; seconded by Commissioner Condon. Motion carried.

*Transportation Disadvantaged LCB Membership

Mr. Bacon presented the list of the Local Coordinating Board (LCB) members for each of the seven counties for the Members review and approval consideration. He stated that the Regional Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the seven Transportation Disadvantaged LCBs in our region. As such, it is the responsibility of the Regional Council to approve the members of the LCBs. Upon approval, it will then be provided to the Transportation Disadvantaged Commission. Discussion followed.

President DeFoor called for a motion on the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Membership. Mr. Register moved approval of Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordination Board memberships for Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties; seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. Motion carried.

*Resolution 2023-02: Water Conservation Month

Ms. Payne presented the proposed resolution recognizing the Month of April as Water Conservation Month. The resolution was read into the record and is attached.

President DeFoor called for a motion on Resolution 2023-02. Commissioner Condon moved approval of Resolution 2023-02; seconded by Councilmember Morgan. Motion carried.

Mr. Conkey thanked everyone for their support of, and for, the Water Conservation Month resolution.

President DeFoor and Councilmember Morgan left the meeting.

First Vice President, Commissioner Whitehurst, chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Regional Leadership Academy Update

Mr. Nolen provided an overview of the Regional Leadership Academy's March program entitled: Flourishing Environment & Revival. Highlights of their visit to Flagler County, with a tour of Princess Place Estate, was provided. The class received several presentations on topics such as Palm Coast Development and Floodplains; Emergency Preparedness and Community Preparedness; and Taking Advantage of our Natural Environment. The next program is scheduled for April 26th at Nassau County's American Beach and Trader Hills Farm.

Workplan Update: Regional Ecotourism & Trails

Mr. Anderson provided an update on the Ecotourism & Trails Workplan and highlighted the scope of work; steering committee members, meeting agenda, project schedule, and trends & economic impact data; outdoor participation trends; Florida trends and economic data; revenue related to outdoor recreation, based on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and current data gaps. Staff has begun collecting geographic information systems (GIS) data layers from various organizations such as North Florida Transportation Planning Organization and the Florida Trail; and are working with the East Central Regional Planning Council regarding GIS mapping. He stated that staff will begin the inventory of existing programs and studies, i.e., Florida's State Forest Trailwalker Program. Staff will also follow up on any legislation and/or funding that may come out of the current Legislative Session. The next Steering Committee is scheduled for mid-

May; therefore, the next update will be at the June meeting. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

None.

Local and Regional Discussions

Flagler County – The Army Corp program to refurbish the beach in City of Flagler Beach is now ready to move forward. This effort began four years ago at an estimated cost of \$17 million, and now will cost an estimated \$37 million.

St. Johns County – The County voted to provide a letter of support to Senate President Passidomo and Speaker Renner for Senate Bill 264 and it's House Bill 1355; a prohibition on a foreign government purchasing agricultural land in the State of Florida. Discussion followed.

CEO Report

Ms. Payne introduced new staff members: Regional Planner - Ms. Paige DeBold, Communications Specialist - Mr. David Chudzik, and Resiliency Intern - Ms. Payton Jamieson. She informed the Members of a staffing change; Mr. Anderson is now the Council's Deputy CEO as well as the Emergency Preparedness Manager.

Ms. Payne informed the Members that she has been meeting with many of the new Commissioners in the Region. She reminded the Members of staff attendance at each County Commission meeting. Staff will be conducting the Baker County Opioid SWOT shortly.

Staff is working with the City of Jacksonville on pursuing an Environmental Protection Agency grant: Climate Pollution Reduction grants program, non-competitive funds that is being offered the metropolitan statistical area centered around Jacksonville and includes many of our counties.

Members were reminded that Financial Disclosure is upcoming.

Chair Whitehurst recognized Ms. Ashley Cook from Senator Rubio's office in attendance. Ms. Cook encouraged the Members to feel free to contact her for assistance with anything on the Federal level.

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2023.

Adjournment

1st Vice President Whitehurst adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Christian Whitehurst
President

Elizabeth Payne
Chief Executive Officer

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JULY 26, 2023

TO: NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THRU: ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER *EP*

FROM: ROBERT JORDAN, REGIONAL PLANNER *Robert C. Jordan*

RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEWS

Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, Council review of proposed and adopted amendments to local government comprehensive plans is limited to adverse effects on regional resources and facilities identified in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. The review is also limited to extra-jurisdictional impacts inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any local government within the Region. Pursuant to Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, a written report with an impact evaluation should be provided to the local government and the State land planning agency (Florida Commerce) within 30 calendar days of receipt (of the amendment).

A regional map of the listed amendments is provided on the next page, and site-specific maps are provided in the appendix herein. Upon approval of this report by the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) Executive Committee for transmittal to the State land planning agency, a copy will be provided to the respective local government(s).

Four out of the six comprehensive plan amendments in the tabular report were evaluated through the alternate review process and are provided for information only. Only the first two plan amendments need to be reviewed for the NEFRC staff recommendation.

Recommendation

Staff respectfully recommends that the NEFRC Executive Committee approve the staff review report for the first proposed amendment, City of Jacksonville 23-2ESR. Staff also recommends that the NEFRC Executive Committee concur that the City of Palm Coast 23-1ESR is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

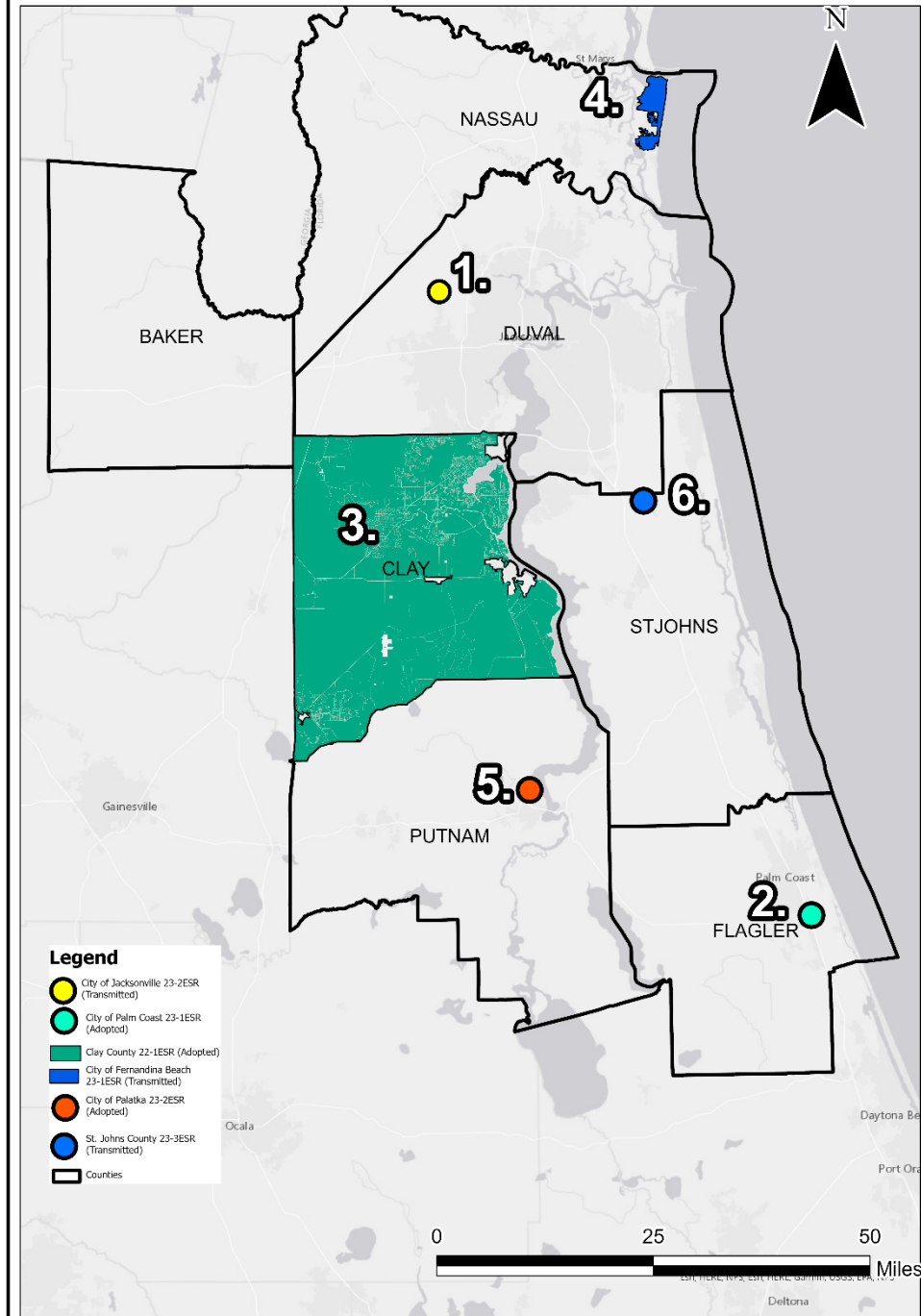
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REGIONAL MAP OF AMENDMENT LOCATION SITES

August 2023
Comprehensive Plan Amendments



Local Govt. & Plan Amendment	No. on Regional Map Above	Proposed	Adopted	County Location	Due Date to be Mailed to Local and State Govt.	Local Govt. Item Number
City of Jacksonville 23-2ESR <i>(For Review)</i>	1	X		Duval	8-4-2023	Ordinance 2023-292-E

- **Type:** Future Land Use
- **Issue:** The proposed amendment is for a 221.06-acre site at 9412 Feagles Farm Road, between Jones Road and Imeson Road. The amendment entails a land use change from Low-Density Residential (LDR) to Conservation (CSV), and the agent agreed on record that the applicant would authorize the City of Jacksonville to sponsor the CSV land use and zoning change for on-site wetlands.
- **Background:** The 221.06-acre site is undeveloped and bordered by other undeveloped properties to the north, south, and east. The area to the west is being developed as a single-family subdivision, and there is a single-family residential subdivision to the northwest but not adjacent to the site. A rezoning application is not required for transmittal but will be filed during the adoption of the large-scale future land use amendment. See maps 1 and 2 in the Appendix below.
- **Impacts:** No adverse impacts to Resources of Regional Significance nor adverse impacts to adjacent jurisdiction's comprehensive plans were identified.
- **Recommended Intergovernmental Coordination:** No intergovernmental coordination is recommended for the proposed amendment.

Local Govt. & Plan Amendment	No. on Regional Map Above	Proposed	Adopted	County Location	Due Date to be Mailed to Local and State Govt.	Local Govt. Item Number
City of Palm Coast 23-1ESR <i>(For Review)</i>	2		X	Flagler	8-4-2023	Ordinance 2023-08

- **Type:** Future Land Use
- **Issue:** The amendment changed the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) for 505.6 acres from Mixed Use (~338 acres) and Conservation (~168 acres) to Residential (~325 acres) and Conservation (~179 acres) with a note on the FLUM to limit development to 750 dwelling units. The amendment includes a policy limit of 750 dwelling units (1.5 units per acre); a reduction from the 2006 approval of a Development of Regional Impact (DRI) for an entitlement of 2,411 (619 single family & 1,792 multi-family) dwelling units; 50,000 sq. ft. of general retail use; 30,000 sq. ft. of general office; and 150 hotel rooms. A companion zoning map amendment changed the zoning on the parcels consistent with the proposed FLUM designation. There are no changes from the transmitted amendment package previously reviewed and submitted.
- **Background:** The site is located about a quarter mile east of Old Kings Rd. on the north side of State Road 100. The subject property was approved as a DRI in 2006 with an amendment in 2007. The Development Order for this DRI provided an entitlement of 2,411 dwelling units, and because of this amendment, there is a significant reduction in the entitlements proposed for the property. Although the DRI was approved in 2006, no infrastructure improvements or development activities commenced on the DRI. See maps 3 and 4 in the Appendix below.
- **Impacts:** The subject is located on the north side of State Road (SR) 100, a Transportation Resource of Regional Significance. The FLUM amendment could have a net decrease of up to 1,360 PM peak-hour trips; however, a more in-depth traffic study has been recommended as part of the site plan/plat review process. Given the reduction in developments on the site, it is not believed there will be any adverse impacts to Resources of Regional Significance.
- **Recommended Intergovernmental Coordination:** Abutting the subject property to the south is SR 100 (a 4-lane principal arterial). Immediately south across SR 100 is an approximately 33-acre vacant commercial parcel designated as Mixed-Use on the FLUM and zoned as General Commercial (COM-2). The amendment is not incompatible with these uses (SR 100); however, it does serve as a buffer between the potential residential use of the subject property from the future development of commercial on the properties to the south. Therefore, it is recommended that the City of Palm Coast keep Flagler County Planning Director Adam Mengel updated, consistent with Director Mengel being included in the transmittal to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The following plan amendments were handled through the alternate review process and approved by the Board President and are included as information only.

Local Govt. & Plan Amendment	No. on Regional Map Above	Proposed	Adopted	County Location	Due Date to be Mailed to Local and State Govt.	Local Govt. Item Number
Clay County 22-1ESR <i>(For Situational Awareness Only)</i>	3		X	Clay	7-18-2023	Ordinance 2022-52

- **Type:** Text Amendment
- **Issue:** This text amendment to the Clay County Comprehensive Plan changes the Future Land Use Policy to exempt any Village Center in Lake Asbury less than 10 acres from the required percentages of land use outlined in the Lake Asbury Future Land Use Policy 1.4.10:

	Minimum Required (Acres)	Maximum Permitted (Acres)
Village Center		
Residential	25%	65%
Office	0%	25%
Commercial/Retail	25%	65%
Civic, Public Parks	10%	

- **Background:** There are currently eight Village Centers (VC) in Lake Asbury of which one is 6.4 acres (two parcels). Since each Village Center is intended to serve as the mixed-use focal point and central place in a walkable and human-scale manner, providing community shopping and parks, the Lake Asbury Master Planning Area says each VC should have a minimum acreage of ten.

However, the VC located on Henley Road south of Sandridge totals more than 6.4 acres; and implementation of the required shares of land use (per Policy 1.4.10) limits practical development. This text amendment would allow this and any subsequent VC less than 10 acres, at the time of this ordinance, to be developed entirely as commercial/retail or office space.

- **Impacts:** No adverse impacts to Resources of Regional Significance were identified in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and no adverse impacts to adjacent jurisdiction's comprehensive plans have been identified.\
- **Recommended Intergovernmental Coordination:** No intergovernmental coordination is recommended for this amendment.

Local Govt. & Plan Amendment	No. on Regional Map Above	Proposed	Adopted	County Location	Due Date to be Mailed to Local and State Govt.	Local Govt. Item Number
City of Fernandina Beach 23-1ESR <i>(For Situational Awareness Only)</i>	4	X		Nassau	7-6-2023	Ordinance 2023-24

- **Type:** Text Amendment
- **Issue:** This text amendment to the City of Fernandina Beach’s 2030 Comprehensive Plan removes policies requiring pervious materials for parking lots relative to standards in the Land Development Code and a text amendment to the City’s Land Development Code. The developer and City believe that this requirement hinders the commercial development’s ability to maintain and upgrade facilities. They believe the costs are prohibitive, hindering the developer’s ability to invest in other aspects for the maintenance or improvement of a project. As a result, properties are obligated to demonstrate a hardship in order to obtain a variance. Variances are considered a risky investment of time and money for developers, given municipal staff has difficulty recommending approval, including when a site or user-specific special conditions prevent full compliance with the Land Development Code.
- **Background:** Background: In Fernandina Beach, “large-scale” commercial development has historically been concentrated along roadways leading to the Central Business District including Sadler Road, S. 14th Street, and 8th Street stemming from the late 1970s and 1980s. It was a time when typical commercial development patterns included large expanses of asphalt vehicle parking, to accommodate strip malls with one or more anchor tenants. Since then, the City’s established shopping centers have been maintained and updated several times including through façade and interior renovations as well as with new roofs and updates to mechanical aspects (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC), electrical, and plumbing).

The retrofit of parking areas to incorporate additional landscaping has occurred incrementally but mostly remains far from compliant with current standards. One of the issues addressed by this amendment that impacts commercial re-investment is a requirement within the City’s Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code which says that all new development and redevelopment projects must include parking with 75 percent pervious materials. This standard was adopted in late 2012 when Florida was considering changes in stormwater regulations through water management districts to recognize low-impact development strategies and reduce stormwater runoff. Due to administrative shifts following the gubernatorial election, the respective rulemaking process stopped between 2013 and 2014. Subsequently, today, stormwater calculations have not been updated and there is no credit for the incorporation of pervious materials in site design. Further, there is no incentive to incorporate alternative paving materials to reduce land/surface for stormwater management.

Local Govt. & Plan Amendment	No. on Regional Map Above	Proposed	Adopted	County Location	Due Date to be Mailed to Local and State Govt.	Local Govt. Item Number
City of Palatka 23-2ESR <i>(For Situational Awareness Only)</i>	5		X	Putnam	7-18-2023	Ordinance 2023-13

- **Type:** Future Land Use
- **Issue:** The adopted amendment is for a 177.7-acre site on Crystal Cove Drive, currently (1) Industrial (IND), (2) Residential-Low (RL), and (3) Commercial (COM). The land uses were modified to Recreation (REC) for a recreational vehicle park. A subsequent rezoning from Light-Industrial (M-1), Multifamily (R-3), and Central Commercial (C-3) to Planned Unit Development / Recreation Open Space (PUD/ROS) was also adopted concurrently with the adoption of this amendment. Only 55 acres of the 177.7 will be developed; the rest will remain in a designated conservation area.
- **Background:** The site is currently vacant and within the city limits of Palatka. The applicant plans to develop a luxury Recreational Vehicle (RV) Resort with up to 400 RV spaces and 50 campsites. Up to 30 percent of the RV sites may have units already provided for overnight guests. The property will have resort amenities including a camp store, bathhouse, laundry facility, and campground recreational opportunities. Further, a boardwalk and boat dock are proposed for the northeast portion of the property on the St. Johns River. Moreover, the property is bordered by:
 - o The St. Johns River - to the east;
 - o A 10-acre RV park (approved as a PUD in 2019) and the Crystal Cove Marina and Hotel - to the north;
 - o The CSX rail right-of-way - to the west; and
 - o A mix of land used for conservation, industrial, and public building purposes - to the south.

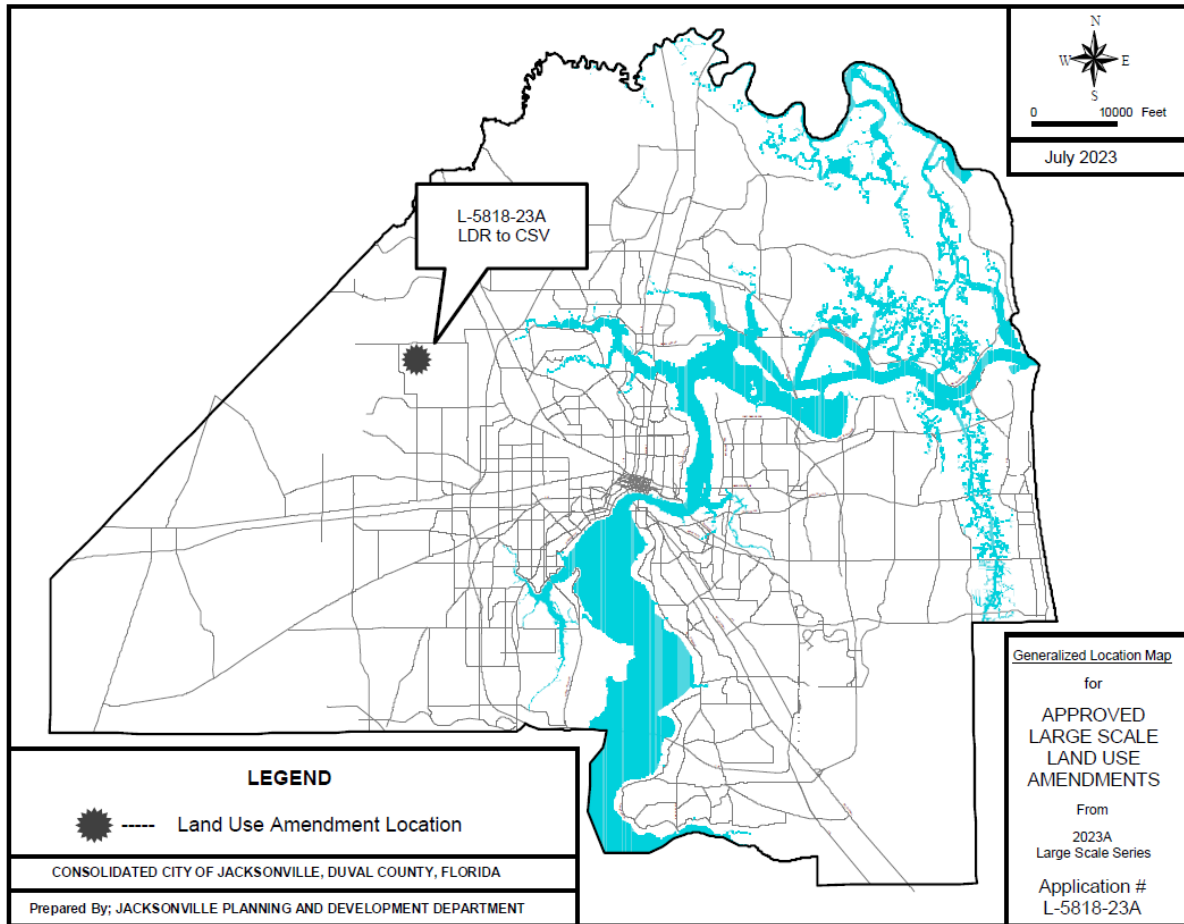
Some of these properties lie within Palatka. There were no additional changes from the review of agency comments. See maps 5, 6, and 7 in the Appendix below.
- **Impacts:** The subject site is located near U.S. 17, a Transportation Resource of Regional Significance. Based on the Traffic Impact Study conducted by Hagen Consulting Services as part of the application process, it was determined that the 400 RV sites would produce a maximum number of 123 AM and PM peak hour trips based on overnight stays and the rotation of RVs. Given typical RV park check-in and check-out times (respectively between 10 AM and 2 PM and then between 1 PM and 4 PM) and the site location, there appear to be no adverse impacts to Resources of Regional Significance nor adverse impacts to adjacent jurisdiction's comprehensive plans.
- **Recommended Intergovernmental Coordination:** It appears that the necessary intergovernmental coordination has been addressed. The City of Palatka's Planning Department included the Putnam County Planning Department in the Development Review Committee and correspondence of the adopted package.

Local Govt. & Plan Amendment	No. on Regional Map Above	Proposed	Adopted	County Location	Due Date to be Mailed to Local and State Govt.	Local Govt. Item Number
St. Johns County 23-3ESR <i>(For Situational Awareness Only)</i>	6	X		St. Johns County	7-18-2023	COMPAMD 2023-03

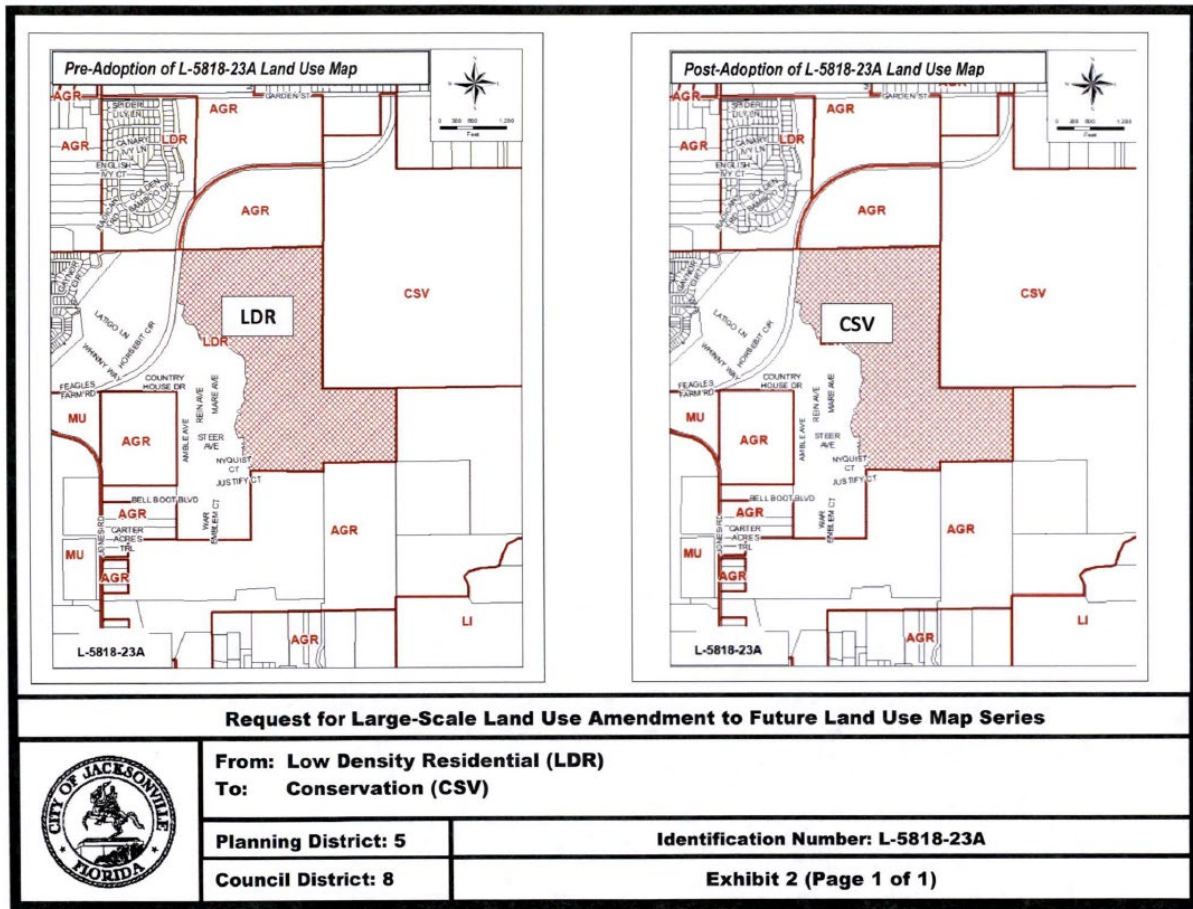
- **Type:** Site-Specific Text Amendment
- **Issue:** St. Johns County proposes to amend Policy A.1.11.3 of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan to allow a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 110% in contrast to the currently required maximum 50% in the Intensive Commercial Future Land Use for the construction of a Self-Storage Facility only, located at 11280 U.S. 1 North. In other words, this requested amendment does not extend to other Personal Property warehouses or self-storage facilities in the county.
- **Background:** According to the provided conceptual site plan, the proposed footprint of the building is approximately 32,750 square feet with a total of three (3) stories for an overall square footage of 98,250. The applicant attests that the amendment is needed since the Comprehensive Plan requires a cumulative calculation for FAR to be based on the total floor area of all floors. In other words, the requirement is intended for other uses than a self-storage facility. Moreover, surrounding land uses include R/S, Intensive Commercial, and Mixed Use. See maps 8, 9, and 10 in the Appendix below.
- **Impacts:** The subject site is adjacent to U.S. 1, a Transportation Resource of Regional Significance. While the proposed self-storage facility is exempt from concurrency (per Section 11.00.05 of the County Land Development Code), a detailed site access and operational analysis will be required prior to construction plan approval. This applies to all non-residential developments generating 300 or more PM peak hour trips to determine improvements needed in the immediate impact area. The applicant is aware that site access design must comply with all requirements of Section 6.04 of the County Land Development Code, including left/right turn lanes, as applicable. For the NEFRC, there appear to be no adverse impacts to Resources of Regional Significance nor adverse impacts to an adjacent jurisdiction's comprehensive plan.
- **Recommended Intergovernmental Coordination:** Given the proximity of the subject site to the City of Jacksonville (COJ), it is recommended that the County coordinate with COJ. The City Community Planning Division was included in the correspondence for the transmittal package.

Appendix

Map 1: City of Jacksonville 23-2ESR (Location Map)

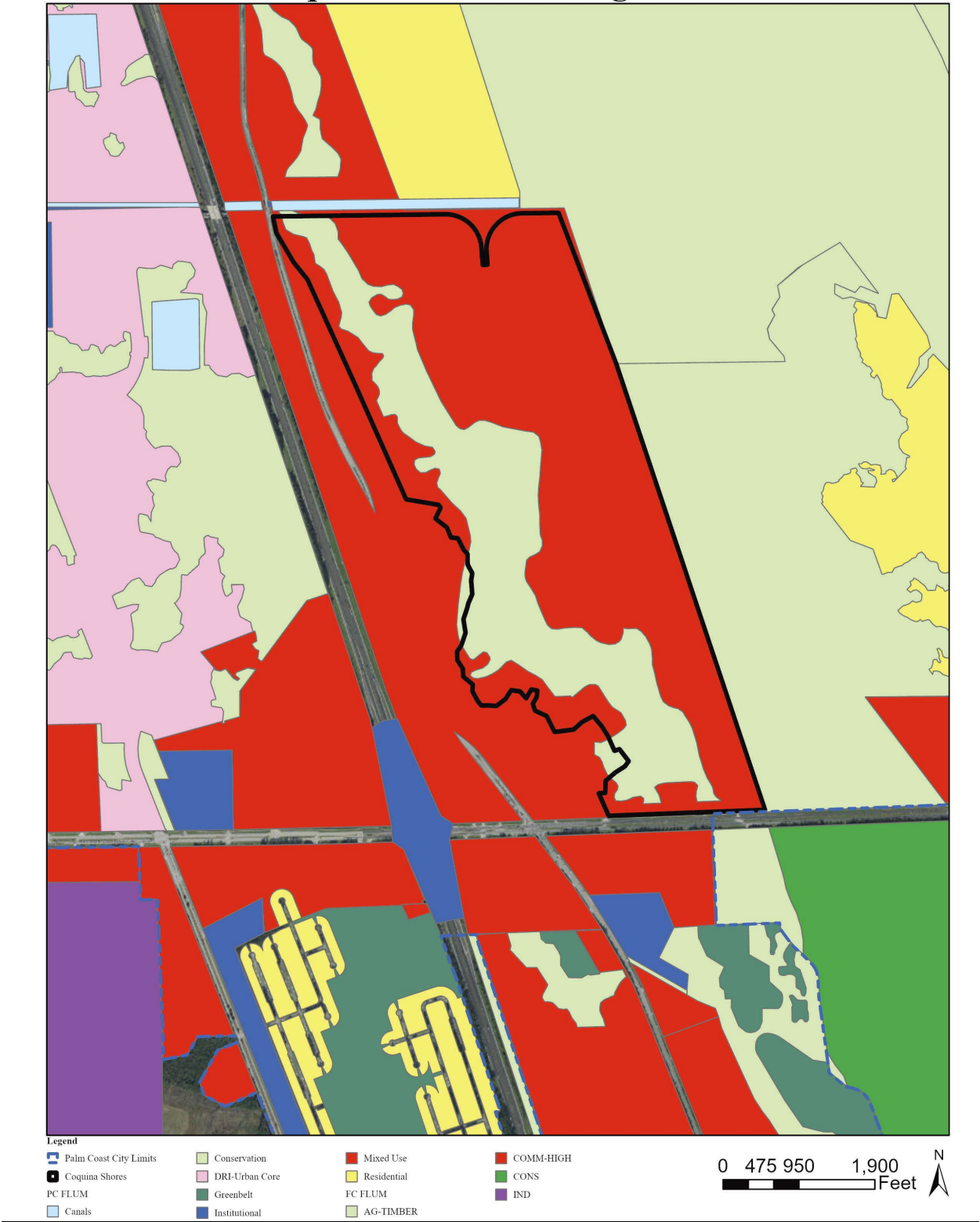


Map 2: City of Jacksonville 23-2ESR (Existing and Proposed Future Land Use Map)



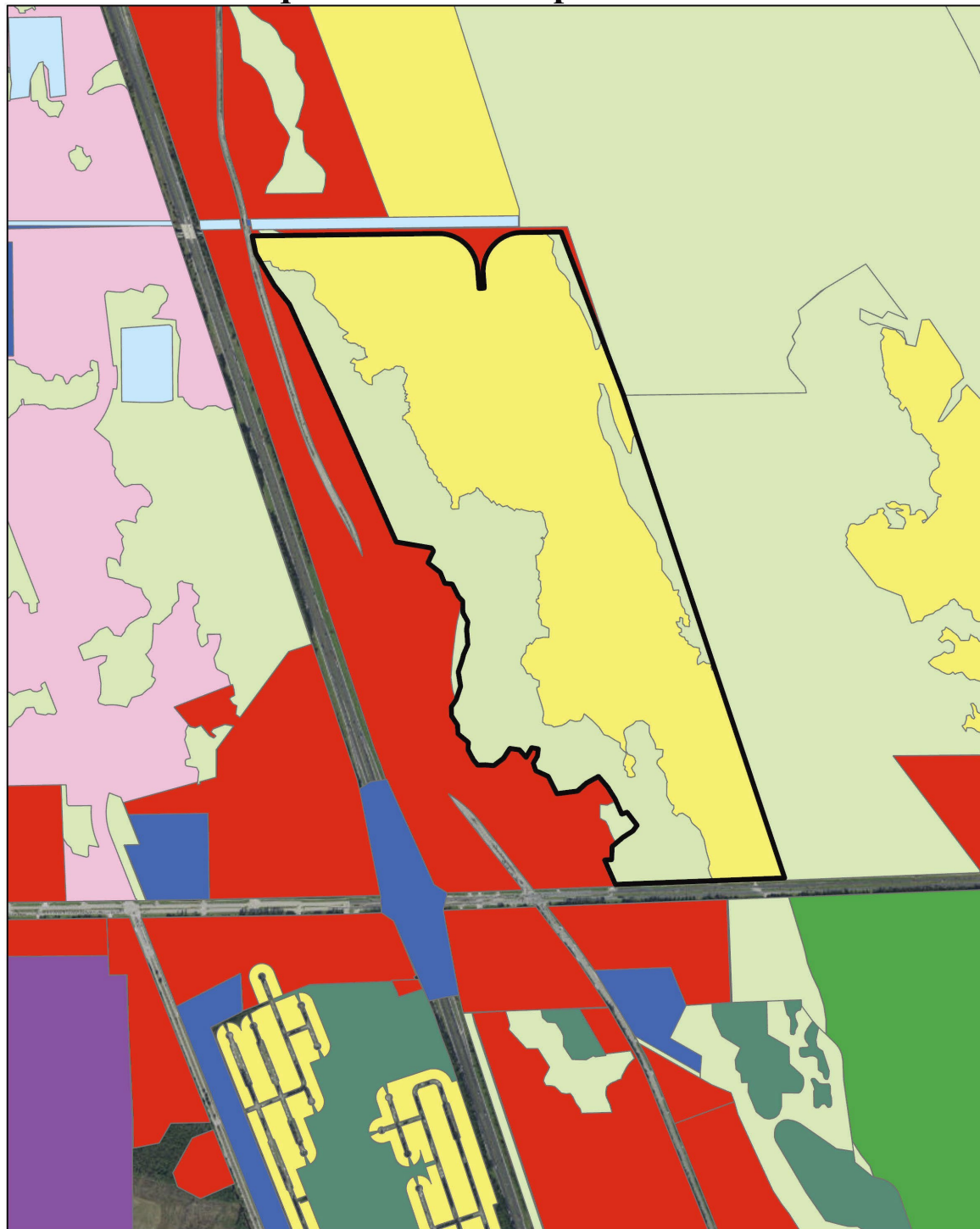
Map 3: City of Palm Coast 23-1ESR (Existing Future Land Use Map)

Coquina Shores-Existing FLUM



Map 4: City of Palm Coast 23-1ESR (Proposed Future Land Use Map)

Coquina Shores-Proposed FLUM



Legend

Coquina Shores

PC FLUM

Canals

Conservation

DRI-Urban Core

Greenbelt

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Map 5: City of Palatka 23-2ESR (Location Map)



Map 6: City of Palatka 23-2ESR (Existing Future Land Use Map)



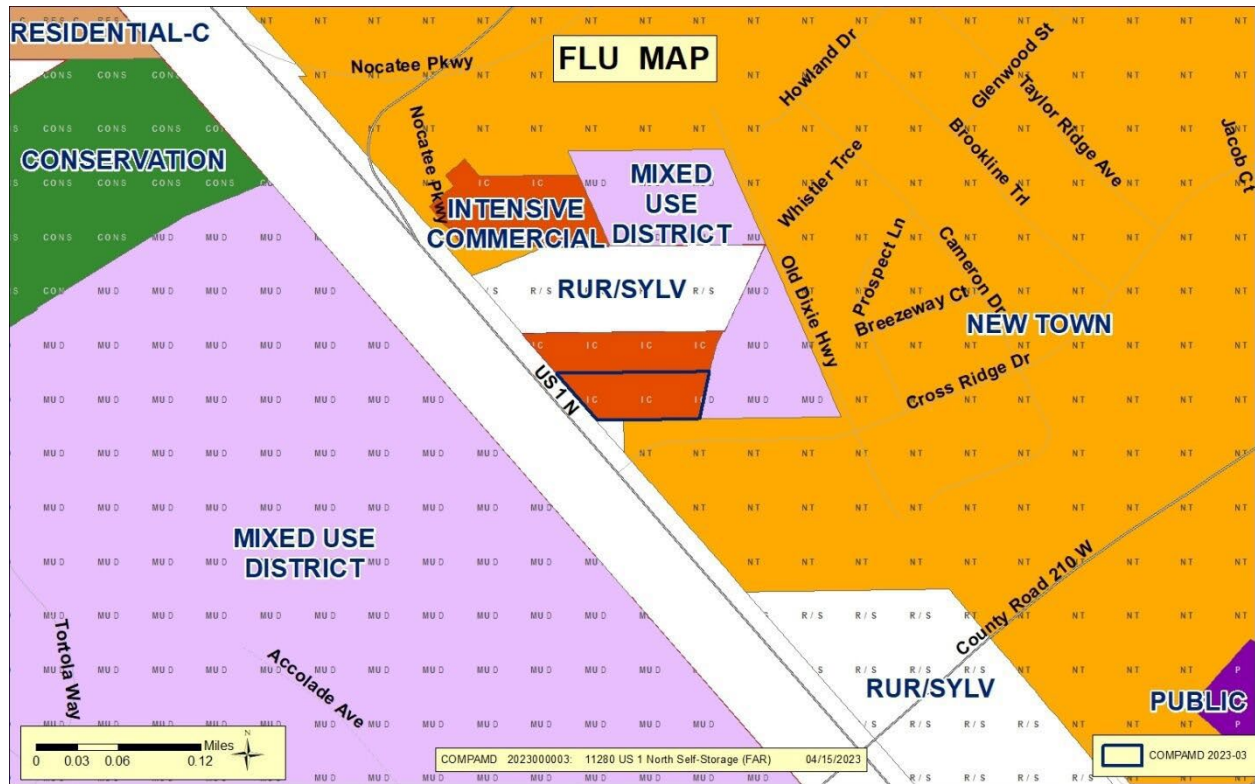
Map 7: City of Palatka 23-2ESR (Proposed Future Land Use Map)



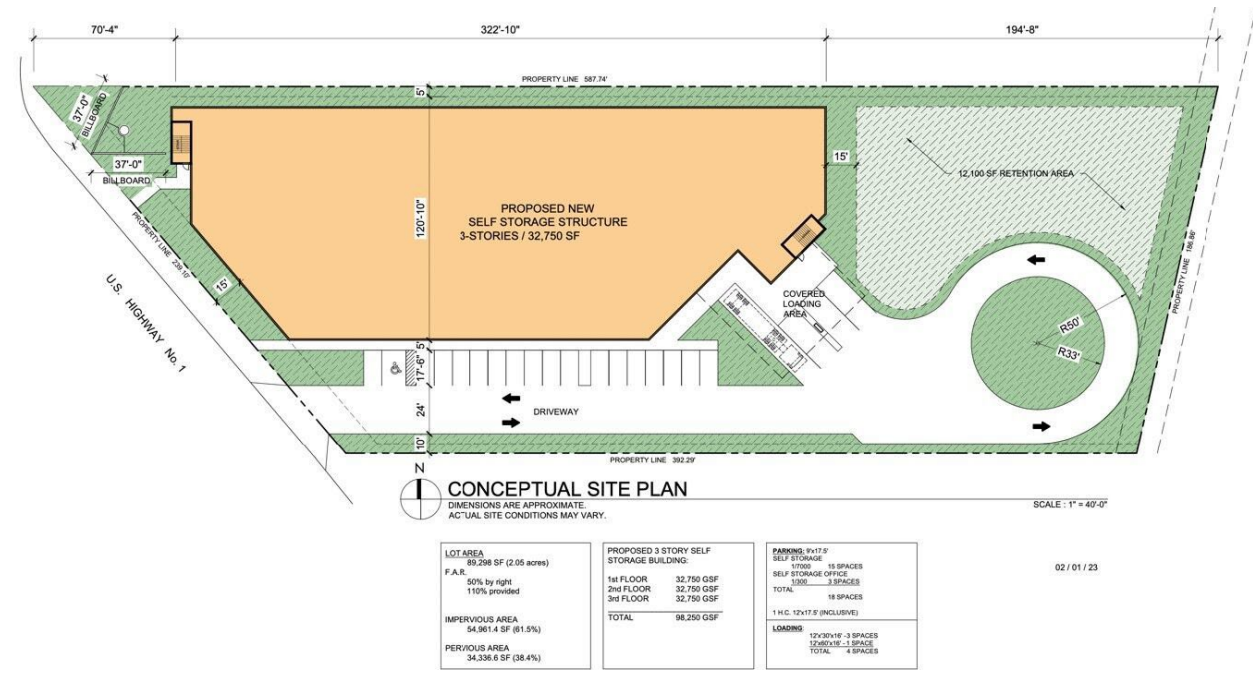
Map 8: St. Johns County 23-3ESR (Location Map)



Map 9: St. Johns County 23-3ESR (Existing Future Land Use Map)



Map 10: St. Johns County 23-3ESR (Conceptual Site Plan)



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JULY 26, 2023

TO: NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THRU: ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

FROM: ^{DS} DONNA STARLING, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

RE: MAY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Northeast Florida Regional Council posted a Net Loss of \$21,726 for the month of May and a Year-to-Date Net Income of \$60,665.

The loss is attributed to the posting of three payrolls in May, payment of the quarterly Florida Regional Council Association (FRCA) dues, tuition reimbursement and annual software costs.

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Regional Council - Agencywide	Adopted Budget 22/23	May 2023	YTD	Represents 67% of Fiscal Year	Budget Variance
Revenues					
County Dues	\$ 694,757	57,896	463,171	67%	0%
Local Government Technical Assistance	\$ 243,200	24,447	151,717	62%	-5%
Transportation Disadvantaged (TD)	\$ 176,015	18,168	122,514	70%	3%
Economic Development Administration (EDA)	\$ 78,000	5,531	60,415	77%	10%
Hazardous Analysis	\$ 13,849	2,190	7,064	51%	-16%
Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC)	\$ 70,000	9,600	55,370	79%	12%
Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Program	\$ 75,878	1,200	44,092	58%	-9%
Division of Emergency Management Exercise Support	\$ 63,000	(12)	60,349	96%	29%
Small Quantity Generator (SQG) Program	\$ 5,000	-	-	0%	-67%
Healthcare Coalition	\$ 816,860	157,004	462,212	57%	-10%
CDBG North Florida Resiliency Plan	\$ 250,000	13,370	132,104	53%	-14%
CDBG Mitigation Assessment and Planning	\$ 55,000	7,381	34,487	63%	-4%
Florida Hospital Association	\$ 110,818	27,450	110,848	100%	33%
Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)	\$ 101,678	5,041	61,458	60%	-7%
Disaster Recovery Coordinator	\$ 16,000	-	-	0%	-67%
American Flood Coalition	\$ 15,000	2,193	12,635	84%	17%
Regional Leadership Academy (RLA)	\$ 4,200	490	1,890	45%	-22%
Other Revenue	\$ 20,892	1,424	16,535	79%	12%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,810,147	\$ 333,375	\$ 1,796,863	64%	
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	\$ (45,152)	\$ 21,726	\$ (60,665)		
TOTAL REVENUE/GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,764,995	\$ 355,101	\$ 1,736,198	63%	
Expenses					
Salaries and Fringe	\$ 1,516,140	163,915	993,786	66%	-1%
Contract/Grant Direct Expenses	\$ 911,039	159,547	531,744	58%	-9%
Indirect - Allocated Expenses*	\$ 194,186	16,107	129,487	67%	0%
General Fund Expense*	\$ 143,630	15,532	81,180	57%	-10%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,764,995	\$ 355,101	\$ 1,736,198	63%	
Net Income (loss)	\$ 45,152	(21,726)	\$ 60,665		

Northeast Florida Regional Council
Balance Sheet
May 2023

	FY 21/22 May 2022	FY 22/23 May 2023
ASSETS		
Cash	2,390,743	2,200,457
Accounts Receivable	505,587	569,082
Pension Liability-Deferred Outflows	334,226	439,576
WJCT Security Deposit	7,400	7,400
Total Current Assets	3,237,956	3,216,515
Property and Equipment:		
Office Furniture and Equipment	215,514	292,027
Less Accumulated Depreciation	164,141	193,050
Total Property and Equipment, net	51,373	98,977
Total Assets	3,289,329	3,315,492
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	23,846	11,730
Accrued Salaries and Leave	76,111	108,949
Deferred Revenue	353,069	220,175
Pension Liability	428,190	1,087,234
Pension Liability-Deferred Inflows	566,417	56,671
Total Liabilities	1,447,633	1,484,759
EQUITY		
Equity and Other Credits:		
Retained Earnings	1,841,696	1,830,733
Total Equity and Other Credits	1,841,696	1,830,733
Total Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits	3,289,329	3,315,492

YTD Comparison

	21/22 Net Income (Loss)	22/23 Net Income (Loss)	21/22 Cash Balance	22/23 Cash Balance
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AGENCYWIDE

October	\$ 21,535	\$ 3,147	\$ 2,492,686	\$ 2,480,421
November	\$ 9,605	\$ 10,292	\$ 2,494,600	\$ 2,548,733
December	\$ 22,210	\$ 21,445	\$ 2,487,274	\$ 2,427,805
January	\$ 27,295	\$ 29,526	\$ 2,452,970	\$ 2,516,530
February	\$ 63,350	\$ 44,710	\$ 2,623,570	\$ 2,488,934
March	\$ 98,960	\$ 65,477	\$ 2,452,109	\$ 2,237,393
April	\$ 125,273	\$ 82,390	\$ 2,340,155	\$ 2,354,111
May	\$ 122,532	\$ 60,665	\$ 2,390,743	\$ 2,200,457
June	\$ 153,422		\$ 2,247,173	
July	\$ 143,654		\$ 2,227,862	
August	\$ 116,384		\$ 2,466,138	
September	\$ 50,907		\$ 2,425,296	



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RE: MAY 2023 INVESTMENT REPORT

Bank Account Interest

	<u>FY 21/22</u>	<u>FY 22/23</u>
May Interest	\$ 9	\$ 1,445
Year to Date Interest	\$ 68	\$ 6,080

Florida Local Government Investment Trust

	<u>FY 21/22</u>	<u>FY 22/23</u>
Current Balance	\$17,732	\$17,962

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RE: JUNE 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Northeast Florida Regional Council posted a Net Income of \$14,379 for the month of June and a Year-to-Date Net Income of \$75,043.

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Regional Council - Agencywide	Adopted Budget 22/23	June 2023	YTD	Represents 75% of Fiscal Year	Budget Variance
Revenues					
County Dues	\$ 694,757	57,896	521,068	75%	0%
Local Government Technical Assistance	\$ 243,200	21,666	173,382	71%	-4%
Transportation Disadvantaged (TD)	\$ 176,015	13,722	136,236	77%	2%
Economic Development Administration (EDA)	\$ 78,000	4,301	64,716	83%	8%
Hazardous Analysis	\$ 13,849	-	7,065	51%	-24%
Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC)	\$ 70,000	9,494	64,864	93%	18%
Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Program	\$ 75,878	6,326	50,418	66%	-9%
Division of Emergency Management Exercise Support	\$ 63,000	-	60,348	96%	21%
Small Quantity Generator (SQG) Program	\$ 5,000	4,999	4,999	100%	25%
Healthcare Coalition	\$ 816,860	269,647	731,859	90%	15%
CDBG North Florida Resiliency Plan	\$ 250,000	16,935	149,038	60%	-15%
CDBG Mitigation Assessment and Planning	\$ 55,000	3,146	37,633	68%	-7%
Florida Hospital Association	\$ 110,818	-	110,848	100%	25%
Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)	\$ 101,678	40,220	101,678	100%	25%
Disaster Recovery Coordinator	\$ 16,000	-	-	0%	-75%
American Flood Coalition	\$ 15,000	2,365	15,000	100%	25%
Regional Leadership Academy (RLA)	\$ 4,200	490	2,380	57%	-18%
Other Revenue	\$ 20,892	1,455	17,990	86%	11%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,810,147	\$ 452,661	\$ 2,249,524	80%	
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	\$ (45,152)	\$ (14,379)	\$ (75,043)		
TOTAL REVENUE/GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,764,995	\$ 438,282	\$ 2,174,480	79%	
Expenses					
Salaries and Fringe	\$ 1,516,140	117,848	1,111,635	73%	-2%
Contract/Grant Direct Expenses	\$ 911,039	300,787	832,531	91%	16%
Indirect - Allocated Expenses*	\$ 194,186	12,590	142,077	73%	-2%
General Fund Expense*	\$ 143,630	7,057	88,237	61%	-14%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,764,995	\$ 438,282	\$ 2,174,480	79%	
Net Income (loss)	\$ 45,152	14,379	\$ 75,043		

Northeast Florida Regional Council
Balance Sheet
June 2023

	FY 21/22 June 2022	FY 22/23 June 2023
ASSETS		
Cash	2,247,173	1,807,496
Accounts Receivable	579,348	904,406
Pension Liability-Deferred Outflows	334,226	439,576
WJCT Security Deposit	7,400	7,400
Total Current Assets	3,168,148	3,158,878
Property and Equipment:		
Office Furniture and Equipment	282,243	292,027
Less Accumulated Depreciation	167,825	196,130
Total Property and Equipment, net	114,419	95,896
Total Assets	3,282,566	3,254,775
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	21,564	8,741
Accrued Salaries and Leave	112,057	108,692
Deferred Revenue	281,752	148,325
Pension Liability	428,190	1,087,234
Pension Liability-Deferred Inflows	566,417	56,671
Total Liabilities	1,409,980	1,409,663
EQUITY		
Equity and Other Credits:		
Retained Earnings	1,872,586	1,845,112
Total Equity and Other Credits	1,872,586	1,845,112
Total Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits	3,282,566	3,254,775

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Bank Account Interest

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June Interest	\$ 9	\$ 1,315
Year to Date Interest	\$ 77	\$ 7,395

Florida Local Government Investment Trust

	<u>FY 21/22</u>	<u>FY 22/23</u>
Current Balance	\$17,644	\$17,942

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RE: NEFRC RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Each year, the Executive Committee is presented with the Return on Investment (ROI) summaries for each of the seven county members. The draft summaries will include county and municipal work completed in each county, regional projects, and a ROI calculation on the value of their dues. It is used to provide elected officials and county administration with a snapshot of the NEFRC's work during the previous year.

This information is for the Executive Committee's review and approval.

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Return on Investment Report

Duval County (2021-2023)

Duval County Investment



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Return on Investment

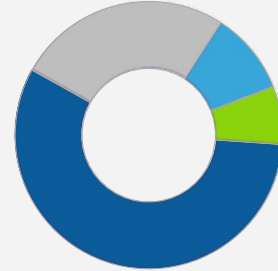
\$1,172,019

Dues (3-Yr Total)

\$4,422,608

Revenue (3-Yr Total)

NEFRC Funding Sources



57% State Contracts

10% Federal Grants

26% County Dues

7% Local Contracts

County Projects Completed (FY 2022-23)

JTA & JEA
Hurricane
Preparedness
Exercises

Awarded \$54,968
(combined) for Medical
Equipment to UF Health
Jacksonville, HCA FL
Memorial, Mental Health
Resource Center, Baptist
Medical Center, & Wolfson
Children's Hospital

Transportation
Disadvantaged
Program Planning
(17,489 Trips in 2022)

Analyzed 12
Office of Economic
Development
Projects for
Annual Report

\$35,000 Grant
Completed to Create
Operational Plan for
A1A Ocean Islands
Trail Scenic Byway

Hazardous
Materials
Training for
154 First
Responders

COJ Special
Committee on
Critical Quality
of Life Issues

EMS Pediatric
Restraint
Procurement &
Distribution

Supported EOC
Staff During
Hurricanes Ian
& Nicole

Mayport
Waterfront
Partnership
Technical
Assistance

Regional Projects and Programs



Vulnerability Assessment
Coordination



Healthcare Resiliency
Planning



Multi-Regional Mitigation
Assessment & Planning



Transportation
Disadvantaged Program



Regional Resiliency
Collaborative



Ecotourism & Trails
Visioning



Regional Healthcare
Coalition



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First Responder
Training & Exercises

Return on Investment Report

Baker County (2021-2023)

Baker County Investment



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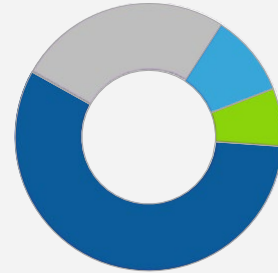
\$34,011

Dues (3-Yr Total)

\$4,322,964

Revenue (3-Yr Total)

NEFRC Funding Sources



57% State Contracts

10% Federal Grants

26% County Dues

7% Local Contracts

County Projects Completed (FY 2022-23)

\$200,000
Resiliency
Vulnerability
Assessment
Grant Awarded

Opioid
SWOT
Analysis

Glen St. Mary
Comprehensive
Plan Update

Impact Analysis
of Proposed
Economic
Development
Projects

Transportation
Disadvantaged
Program Planning
(5,745 Trips in 2022)

EMS Pediatric
Restraint
Procurement &
Distribution

Regional Projects and Programs



Vulnerability Assessment
Coordination



Healthcare Resiliency
Planning



Multi-Regional Mitigation
Assessment & Planning



Transportation
Disadvantaged Program



Regional Resiliency
Collaborative



Ecotourism & Trails
Visioning



Regional Healthcare
Coalition



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Flagler County (2021-2023)

Flagler County Investment



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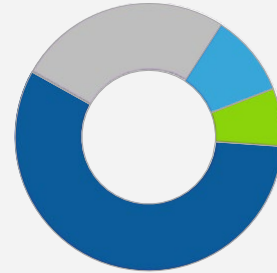
\$132,240

Dues (3-Yr Total)

\$4,590,947

Revenue (3-Yr Total)

NEFRC Funding Sources



57% State Contracts

10% Federal Grants

26% County Dues

7% Local Contracts

County Projects Completed (FY 2022-23)

Impact Analysis
of Proposed
Economic
Development
Projects

\$275,000 Grant
Awarded and In
Progress for County
Vulnerability
Assessment

Transportation
Disadvantaged
Program Planning
(46,074 Trips in 2022)

EMS Pediatric
Restraint
Procurement &
Distribution

Hurricane Ian
Supported City of
Flagler Beach &
Flagler EOC Staff

Regional Projects and Programs



Vulnerability Assessment
Coordination



Healthcare Resiliency
Planning



Multi-Regional Mitigation
Assessment & Planning



Transportation
Disadvantaged Program



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Collaborative



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Visioning



Regional Healthcare
Coalition



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Putnam County (2021-2023)

Putnam County Investment



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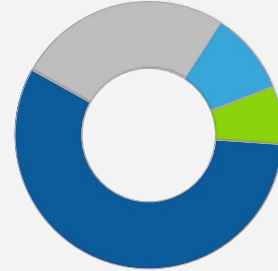
\$89,766

Dues (3-Yr Total)

\$4,352,086

Revenue (3-Yr Total)

NEFRC Funding Sources



57% State Contracts

10% Federal Grants

26% County Dues

7% Local Contracts

County Projects Completed (FY 2022-23)

Hazardous
Materials
Training for First
Responders

EMS Pediatric
Restraint
Procurement &
Distribution

Transportation
Disadvantaged
Program Planning
(20,028 Trips in 2022)

\$46,000 Grant
Completed to
Create Welaka
Downtown Vision
Plan

\$75,000 Planning
Grant for Innovative
Solutions to
Transport Residents
to Well-Paying Jobs

Designated
Town Planner in
Interlachen &
Pomona Park

Regional Projects and Programs



Vulnerability Assessment
Coordination



Healthcare Resiliency
Planning



Multi-Regional Mitigation
Assessment & Planning



Transportation
Disadvantaged Program



Regional Resiliency
Collaborative



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Nassau County (2021-2023)

Nassau County Investment



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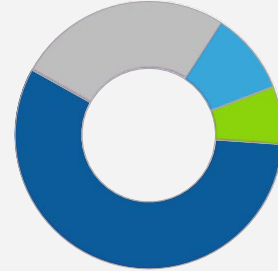
\$101,781

Dues (3-Yr Total)

\$4,312,423

Revenue (3-Yr Total)

NEFRC Funding Sources



57% State Contracts

10% Federal Grants

26% County Dues

7% Local Contracts

County Projects Completed (FY 2022-23)

EMS Pediatric
Restraint
Procurement &
Distribution

\$35,000 Grant
Completed to Create
Operational Plan for
A1A Ocean Islands
Trail Scenic Byway

Transportation
Disadvantaged
Program Planning
(30,700 Trips in 2022)

Hazardous
Waste
Management
Program

Hazardous
Materials
Training for First
Responders

Regional Projects and Programs



Vulnerability Assessment
Coordination



Healthcare Resiliency
Planning



Multi-Regional Mitigation
Assessment & Planning



Transportation
Disadvantaged Program



Regional Resiliency
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Regional Healthcare
Coalition



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Clay County (2022-2023)

Clay County Investment



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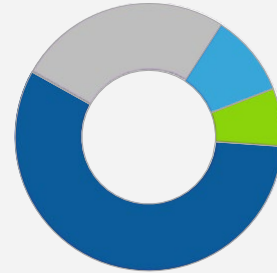
\$173,868

Dues (2-Yr Total)

\$2,208,443

Revenue (2-Yr Total)

NEFRC Funding Sources



57% State Contracts

10% Federal Grants

26% County Dues

7% Local Contracts

County Projects Completed (FY 2022-23)

Clay County
Strategic Plan
Assistance

Hazardous
Materials
Training for First
Responders

Transportation
Disadvantaged
Program Planning
(13,045 Trips in 2022)

Local
Mitigation
Strategy
Program
Management

Impact Analysis
of Proposed
Economic
Development
Projects

Facilitator & Project
Evaluator for
Opioid Settlement
Funding

Cybersecurity
Exercise for
Constitutional
Officers

EMS Pediatric
Restraint
Procurement &
Distribution

HCA Orange Park
Awarded \$36,380
(Medical
Equipment)

Regional Projects and Programs



Vulnerability Assessment
Coordination



Healthcare Resiliency
Planning



Multi-Regional Mitigation
Assessment & Planning



Transportation
Disadvantaged Program



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Coalition



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St. Johns County (2021-2023)

St. Johns County Investment



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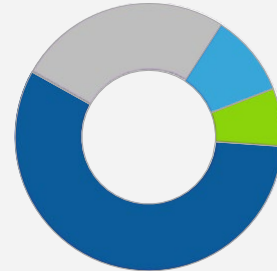
\$293,652

Dues (3-Yr Total)

\$4,284,608

Revenue (3-Yr Total)

NEFRC Funding Sources



57% State Contracts

10% Federal Grants

26% County Dues

7% Local Contracts

County Projects Completed (FY 2022-23)

Initial Response
Exercise for 105
Fire & Rescue
Personnel

Conducted the
SJC Annual
Hurricane
Exercise

Hazardous
Materials
Training for First
Responders

Advanced Partnership
between SJCCOA & SJC
School District's
Exceptional Student
Services *Life Work
Transition Program*

EMS Pediatric
Restraint
Procurement &
Distribution

Hurricane Ian
Supported EOC
Staff & Created
After-Action
Report

Flagler Hospital
Awarded \$35,690
(Medical Equipment)

Regional Projects and Programs



Vulnerability Assessment
Coordination



Healthcare Resiliency
Planning



Multi-Regional Mitigation
Assessment & Planning



Transportation
Disadvantaged Program



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Visioning



Regional Healthcare
Coalition



Local Emergency
Planning Committee



First Responder
Training & Exercises

The mission of the NEFRC is to celebrate the unique assets of Northeast Florida and engage its businesses, people, governments, and organizations

NEFRC provides a variety of services to local governments and municipalities:

- Direct technical assistance through paid service agreements
- Project-specific work through grant applications and implementation
- Regional grant-funded projects that benefit multiple counties
- State and federal programs benefitting all counties

An agency of the state, NEFRC can work with local governments directly—with no procurement process required to begin work and at a lesser cost than private contractors.



Major Programs



Emergency Preparedness

- Training and exercise services for local governments and agencies
 - First responder training (specifically hazardous materials)
 - Opioid abatement funding assistance and planning
 - Disaster activations—deployment of NEFRC staff (when requested) to support impacted communities
 - Healthcare sector preparedness initiatives and project funding for the Healthcare Coalition (~\$200,000 annually)
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Economic Development

- Provide economic modeling and analysis for economic development policy decisions in the county
 - Supply grant writing technical assistance for state and federal grants
 - Annually implement Competitive Florida Economic Development Grants
 - Ongoing regional ecotourism project for the Region
 - Classified a “Designated District” by the federal Economic Development Administration (qualifying Northeast Florida for federal grants)
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Resiliency

- Apply for grants for planning and implementation on behalf of local governments and the Region
 - Local technical assistance on state-required vulnerability assessments—looking at storm surge, overland flooding, tidal impacts, sea level rise, compound flooding, and extreme rainfall
 - Created Resilient First Coast (RFC) Collaborative—a formal partnership of Northeast Florida stakeholders working together on initiatives that improve the **environment, quality of life, infrastructure, and economic resilience** of the Region
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Planning and Outreach

- Provide technical assistance related to comprehensive planning and zoning
- Transportation Disadvantaged Program Coordinator for the Region’s seven counties
- Assist local governments in applying for grants
- Annually implement Planning Technical Assistance Grants

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JULY 26, 2023

TO: NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THRU: ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER *EP*

FROM: ERIC ANDERSON, DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER *EA*

RE: **WORKPLAN: ECOTOURISM AND TRAIL UPDATE**

Staff will provide an update on the activities associated with the agency's work plan on ecotourism and trails.

The last month has been dedicated to coordination with the National Parks Service – Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (NPS-RTCA). The goal is to determine if NPS-RTCA can assist with resources and subject matter expertise to support our regional trails and ecotourism initiative and assist our hurricane-impacted communities in the recovery process.

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NEFRC Executive Committee

August 2023



Steering Comm. Meeting Agenda

Presentation: FDOT SUN Trail Program

- Senate Bill 106 – SUN Trail and Florida Wildlife Corridor
- D2 - Trail Inventory Pilot Program

Project Schedule Update

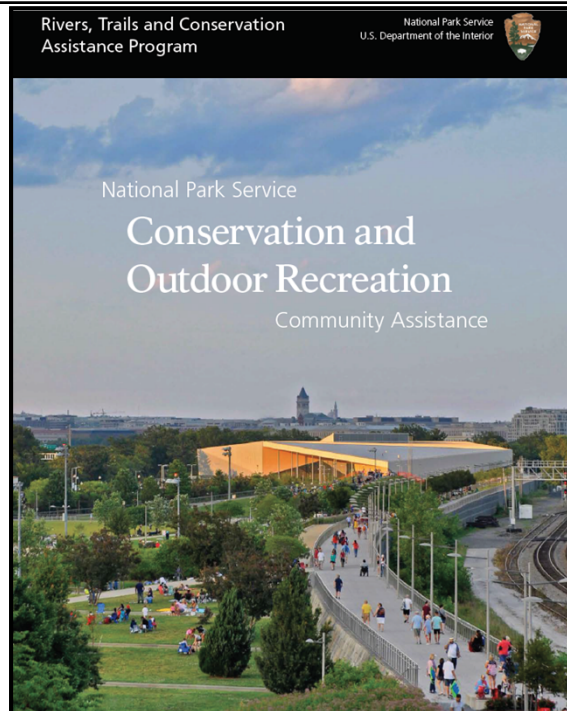
- Inventory and Current Programs

Upcoming Opportunity: National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

Project Schedule

	Task	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23
Inventory and Current Programs	• NEFRC Board Approval/Update	X	X	X	X	X	X						
	• Project Kickoff (Steering Cmte Setup)		X										
	• Steering Committee Meetings			X		X							
	• Collect Economic Impact Data			X	X								
	• Inventory Existing Resources (Research/GIS)			X	X	X	X						
	• Inventory of Existing Programs, Studies, & Legislation			X	X	X	X						
	• Checklist to Official Designations												
	• Highlight Successful Places												
	• What is Planned and Programmed?												
Opportunities	• Future Considerations - Short Term Initiatives and Long-Term Investments												
	• Regional Marketing Approach												
	• Funding Opportunities & NEFRC Support												
	• Draft and Final Report Development												

Leveraging
Resources and
Subject Matter
Experts



Upcoming Opportunity



How we got here:

- Federal agencies supporting recovery efforts in impacted communities from Hurricanes Ian & Nicole (2022) – active disaster declarations
- Connected with NPS RTCA staff – NE FL Ecotourism and Trails Initiative
- Impressed by local efforts to get the regional concept moving
 - Consensus from local elected officials
 - Development of a steering committee with a broad range of expertise
 - Project work plan with defined objectives

How can we at NPS RTCA Help?



Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ItHN_OKhwM8

FAQs



- NPS RTCA program staff support locally-led projects
- The NPS-RTCA model is to combine the skills of RTCA staff with those of the local organization. **It's a partnership – we work alongside your team and local knowledge experts** to assist with the work that you are leading.
- Typically, NPS-RTCA staff collaborate with communities for **1 to 2 years** on conservation and outdoor recreation projects. Depending on the complexity of the project and our staffing capacity, the time frame may be extended.



Services - Examples



- Define project vision and goals
- Inventory and map community resources
- Identify and analyze key issues and opportunities
- Engage collaborative partners and stakeholders
- Design community outreach and participation strategies
- Develop concept plans for trails, parks, and natural areas
- Set priorities and build consensus
- Identify funding strategies
- Develop a sustainable organizational framework to support the project
- Create project management and strategic action plans
- Coach teams, groups, and partnership networks

The Path Forward



- Met with Stephan Nofield and Deirdre Hewitt
- Two separate requests for assistance

Request #1 - Hurricane Impacted Communities

- Hosted an informational webinar on August 1st with impacted communities (Flagler, Putnam, & St. Johns) to develop a support request letter. Under the disaster declaration, project support should have a nexus to impacts. Examples could be revitalization, resiliency, diversifying the economy, etc...

The Path Forward



Request #2 - Regional Trails and Ecotourism Initiative

- Review NPS RTCA support resources, and
- Identify local needs or projects that could be included in the request
- **Request includes:**
 - Project Summary
 - Organizational Roles & Contributions
 - Community Support and Engagement
 - NPS Support Request
 - Additional Helpful Information

Regional Request Items



- 1. Technical Support for GIS and Storyboards**
 - Inventory & Mapping of Community Resources
- 2. Collaboration Services**
 - Bring in discipline-specific subject matter experts based on our needs
 - Facilitation Services to help develop consensus on future trail opportunities and tourism/marketing
- 3. Identify \$ Funding Strategies**
- 4. Design Community Outreach & Participation Strategies**

Building Healthy Communities



1. Parks – creating a system of parks
2. Trails – creating a network for public health and enjoyment
3. **Water Trails** - Creating public access to explore our nation's waterways
4. Health - Developing outdoor recreation strategies that support community health goals
5. **Heritage** - Helping communities preserve cultural connections to lands and waters
6. **Accessibility** - Developing equitable access to the nation's lands and waters
7. Underutilized Spaces - Reimagining underutilized spaces for community use

Engaging Youth



- **Youth Program Development** – Engaging the next generation in America's great outdoors.
 - helps **nonprofit organizations** with developing stewardship, environmental education and outdoor skills building programs for youth.
- **Youth Stewardship** – Engaging local youth in the planning and development of conservation and outdoor recreation projects

Next Steps

- **Impacted Communities**
 - Develop a request letter specific to the disaster declaration
- **Regional Initiative**
 - Develop the regional initiative request letter
- **Await a response from NPS**
 - If approved, Woohoo!!!
 - If not, return to our current work plan

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Questions?



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RE: 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES SCHEDULE

The 2024 Legislative Session will begin on January 9, 2024. With an earlier start date, NEFRC has requested 2024 legislative priorities from all counties and cities to be provided by September 15, 2023. The draft legislative priorities will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval at the October 5th meeting.

It is recommended that the Legislative Committee of the Council convenes in both September and October, with additional virtual meetings held if needed. The membership of the Legislative Committee will be discussed.

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Hon. Christian Whitehurst

City of Jax member to be determined

Proposed Schedule

- Call for Priorities sent out end of July
- Deadline to receive priorities September 15th
- Legislative Committee Meeting immediately following 9/7/23 Board Mtg
 - Review information received to date
- Legislative Committee Meeting held the morning of 10/5/23 Board Mtg
 - Finalize draft priorities for approval by full Board immediately following
- Print and distribute in mid-October
- Additional virtual meetings if needed

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RE: 2022-2023 CEO EVALUATION SUMMARY

Per the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) contract, "*The agreement will be reviewed by the **COUNCIL** and the **CEO** no later than September 30 of each year. The review of the agreement, and any adjustments, shall occur after the annual evaluation of the **CEO** by the Executive Committee of the Council. All members will complete a written evaluation of the **CEO** each year.*"

A questionnaire was sent to the entire Board of Directors on June 2, 2023 for completion and comments. As the Executive Committee is charged with the annual evaluation, this will occur at the August 3, 2023 Committee meeting.

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